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1. Work on the Ruse-Giurgiu bridge is proceeding rapidly. As of September 1952, piles were already in place on both the Bulgarian and Rumanian shores of the Danube, and work had been started on the underwater piles. Approximately 45 new Skoda trucks had been brought from Czechoslovakia to speed operations.
2. The head office of the project is located in the former Chamber of Commerce Building in the center of Ruse. Ten Soviet engineers direct the project on both the Rumanian and Bulgarian sides of the river. These engineers, together with their families, are quartered in the Bristol Hotel in Ruse.
3. Christou (sic)¹, former secretary of the Bulgarian embassy in Bucharest, is the liaison officer for the Bulgarian and Rumanian governments in all matters pertaining to the bridge.

4. The three oil refineries in Ruse stopped production in 1945, and the reservoirs are now used to store liquid fuel from Rumania. The greater part of this fuel is stored in the Ruse reservoirs, which have a total capacity of approximately 20,000,000 liters, and the remainder is sent to reservoirs at Svishtov, which have a total capacity of 3,000,000 liters. The reservoirs at Ruse are all above ground.
5. Prior to 1945, fuel was brought from Rumania through two pipelines. One of these is now blocked, and the remaining pipeline is supplemented by four or five small Bulgarian tankers, none of which has a capacity of more than 600 tons.
6. Petrol, the former American-owned refinery, and the I Bŭlgarska Petrolna Industriya, the Bulgarian refinery, have pumping installations.

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Industry

7. The Georgi Dimitrov Factory, formerly the Muelhaupt Factory, has been enlarged. A large number of new machines from abroad were installed in 1949. Further additions are being made, and the factory is to be the largest metal works enterprise in Bulgaria. The Soviet engineers who had been in charge of this work for three years, returned to the USSR in the fall of 1952. The factory now employs over 3,000 workers.
8. The Vela Piskova Textile Factory, formerly the Postoyanstvo Factory, is being enlarged. It employs 1,000 workers in three shifts. Only cotton from the Soviet Union is used.
9. The Zhiti Factory (wire and nails) and the Gavriel Genov (paint, enamel, and bakelite) Factory have been enlarged.
10. New depots have been built along the shore in the port. The railroad ferry, which carries the greater part of Bulgaria's imports and exports across the Danube, has two sets of rails, each with a capacity of four cars of 20 tons, and is in continuous operation throughout the year except from December to February.

Military

11. The 5 Infantry Regiment is quartered in barracks approximately 600 meters from the port of Ruse in the direction of Silistra. An infantry officers' school, transferred from Sofia approximately "one year ago," is located in one of the barracks.
12. The small artillery unit has two tanks and five or six short-barrelled guns (horse-drawn) mounted on two rubber wheels.

1. Comment: "Christou (fnu)" probably refers to "Khristov (fnu)" or possibly to "Khristo (lnu)" or "Khristyu (lnu)". An Angel Khristov was reported to be a secretary of the Bulgarian embassy in Bucharest as of November 1950. 25X1

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